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Palace to accept Señeres' offer to quit

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT Macapagal-Arroyo will accept the resignation of the man she had earlier accused of being a destabilizer.

In a news briefing and in a radio interview yesterday, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said the President was expected to accept the resignation of Roy Señeres, when he steps down today as chair of the National Labor Relations Commission.

Bunye said Señeres' decision to quit was a personal decision, apparently quashing speculations that Malacañang had pressured the latter to turn in his resignation.

"What we can say, considering the circumstances, in all probability his resignation will be accepted," Bunye told reporters.

Asked whether Malacañang will try to ask Señeres to reconsider his decision, Bunye said the pronouncements of the labor official showed that he had already made up his mind.

Bunye also denied that the Palace had asked Señeres to give up his post when asked by reporters, saying "it was his decision."

Interviewed over dzRH radio, Bunye said he had no information yet on the possible replacement for Señeres at the NLRC.

Señeres announced the other day his plan to quit, saying that the President was no longer happy with him and that the feeling was mutual.

Last April, Ms Arroyo confronted Señeres and accused him of plotting to destabilize the government during a meeting with then US Ambassador Francis Ricciardone and a military official.

The President reportedly disclosed this fact in a meeting with labor leaders a few weeks later.

Señeres, however, had denied the allegations.

On Labor Day, Ms Arroyo announced that she was transferring supervision of the NLRC from the Office of the President to the office of the labor secretary.

Señeres denounced the President's move, saying it was illegal and would require an amendment of the Labor Code.

How to carry P130M: Court to set guidelines

GOVERNMENT prosecutors and lawyers of deposed President Joseph Estrada have been asked by the Sandiganbayan to set the parameters of the proposed ocular inspection at the

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas to determine if one man could carry P130 million in cash.

The proposal to settle the issue at the BSP was brought to the antigraft court two weeks ago by Estrada's counsel Rene Saguisag in a bid to disprove claims by Ilocos Sur Gov. Luis "Chavit" Singson that he delivered the multi-million-peso tobacco excise tax kickbacks to the former president through his gambling buddy, Charlie "Atong" Ang.

Singson said in his sworn statement that he brought the cash to Estrada's residence at No. 1 Polk Street in Greenhills, San Juan on Aug. 31, 1998.

Singson also said that he was met by Ang on Buchanan and Polk Streets, some 112 meters from Estrada's residence when they delivered the money. He later followed Ang to the house of the ousted president.

The defense panel, however, claimed that it was impossible to carry the P130 million by one man.

"Even if it was carried in four boxes, we have determined that it is not possible to bring the said amount," another Estrada lawyer, former Justice Secretary Serafin Cuevas said.

Special Prosecutor Dennis Villa-Ignacio said that except for Saguisag, nobody was claiming, Singson included, that the money was carried in bulk at one time to Estrada's house.

Two weeks ago, the Sandiganbayan's Special Division postponed the presentation of the P130 million cash and the reenactment of its alleged delivery to the former president by Singson.

"Both parties should agree on the parameters otherwise there is no point in staging the ocular inspection," said Associate Justice Francisco Villaruz.

Nelson Flores

F. Nigos; 98

FLORENTINA Soriano Nigos of Luna, La Union and widow of the late Esteban Nigos Sr. died on Sunday at the age of 98.

She is survived by children Ricardo and Angelita, Flora, Amado and Dominga, Patricio and Marcelina, Esteban Jr. and Fely, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Three siblings – Sotero, Rogelio and Cristino had passed away earlier.

Her remains lie at the family residence at Barangay Bungro, Luna, La Union. Interment is set for today.

"TroyGOn is not admissible to court, we need documentation. We have to go all the way, documentability and compare it with the income tax return filed to determine whether there is discrepancy or not," she said.

The World

Car bombs, suicide attacks kill 49 in Iraq

BAGHDAD — A string of car bombs and suicide attacks across Iraq killed at least 49 people and wounded more than 120, striking a Baghdad restaurant popular with police, a Shiite mosque and the home of a prominent leader near Shi'ite.

Intelligence Monday also announced a series of bombings in the capital, with the worst reported there. Fourteen soldiers were killed (including two in northern Iraq) and 20 others wounded.

At least 40 people, including 30 troops, were killed killed in Baghdad. At least 20 others were killed in the capital. The Iraqis said the bombings were aimed at the government. Baghdad hopes the government will remain in power and will not allow the country to be divided into separate states.

In Monday's deadliest attack, two car bombs exploded in the town of al-Haditha, 50 km west of the northern city of Mosul, killing at least 30 people and wounding 20 more, officials said. The attacks apparently targeted the home of Hussein Kadhim, a Shiite Muslim with close ties to the Baathist Democracy Party.

A suicide car bomber struck the annual mosque near the town of al-Haditha, killing at least 10 people and wounding 20 more. The bomber was killed. The attack was aimed at the mosque, which is a popular gathering place for police.

"All these people were killed for no reason. What wrong did they do by being policemen or soldiers?" a spokesman for the Baathist government said. "We are not going to let anyone do this to us."

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UN verifies Syrian troop withdrawal

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GAI PROTEST
Bali police are protesting the new administration of Governor Alim, a former member of the Indonesian military.

Bush, Karzai sign pact for long-term US military presence in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON — US President George W. Bush and Afghan President Hamid Karzai signed a "strategic partnership" Monday, pledging long-term US involvement in Afghanistan's security as well as economic development.

Among the key points of the agreement was allowing US military forces operating in Afghanistan to have continued access to the key airports, the main air base, and other military facilities as "needed for security purposes."

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THE ENLIGHTENED ONE
Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, president of Indonesia, is seen here at a ceremony in Jakarta.

Britain's BBC workers threaten more strikes next week



LONDON — A 40-hour walkout at the BBC's newsroom is set to begin next week, threatening a major disruption of the world's largest public broadcaster.

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Time running out for global nuc

UNITED NATIONS—More than 180 nations struggled on Monday to agree on how to plug loopholes in the benchmark nuclear disarmament treaty as a global conference entered its final week.

The month-long United Nations-sponsored conference, which was intended to take stock of the 1970 nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty ends on Friday. It has been deadlocked since it began on May 2, diplomats said.

The conference bogged down in wrangling for its first two and a half weeks over the agenda and then the allocation of work among treaty commitments. While the disputes played out behind the scenes, nuclear activists and diplomats blamed the delays squarely on Iran and the United States.

"All it takes is two countries to disagree—and there's plenty of grounds for Iran and the United States to disagree—and the whole conference gets bogged up, stalled," Aaron Twish, international campaign manager for the disarmament lobby group Mayors for Peace, told reporters.

"Basically, they have gutted the review effort," he said.

The United States spent the first two weeks of the conference quickly seeking to block discussions of nuclear disarmament-related commitments and decisions reached at 1995

and 2000 NPT review conferences.

Iran sought to block discussion of its nuclear enrichment program, which it insists is intended to produce fuel for nuclear power plants while the United States, Britain, France and Germany fear it may be intended for bombs.

"We regret that our work started so late but now that it's started we are making good progress," Abdul Minty, chairperson of the South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction and head of the South African delegation, said.

Minty said South Africa, which abandoned its nuclear weapons program in the early 1990s, hoped the 188 members of the NPT would issue a strong statement on all relevant issues, including disarmament and creation of a nuclear-free zone in the Middle East.

Egypt has been pushing for a thorough discussion of this issue—which focuses on Israel, which is assumed to have some 200 nuclear arms—but Washington and others oppose this.

Diplomats said non-weapons states are frustrated by the fact that the five declared nuclear weapon states—the United States, Russia, France, Britain and China—have taken too few steps to assure the rest of the world they are serious about disarmament.

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BUDDHA MAKEOVER

A Lama paints a Buddha statue with gold powder in Jokhang Temple in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region on Monday, May 23, also April 15 of the Tibetan calendar, on which believers of the Tibetan Buddhism commemorate Sakayamuni's birth, enlightenment and death.

AP

US impatient on North Korea nuclear talks

BRUSSELS—The United States is committed to resuming six-way talks on ending North Korea's nuclear arms development but would pursue other avenues if efforts failed, its top envoy to the talks said on Monday.

Christopher Hill, US assistant secretary of state for East Asian and Pacific Affairs, said it would be a year next month since North Korea had "boycotted" the talks and that Pyongyang showed little sign of wanting to come back to the table.

"At some point we are going to have to sit down and work out what the way forward is," he told a conference in Brussels, where he will brief European Union officials on the issue.

"At present we have a situation where North Korea does not seem to be interested. We have a number of options. One option we do not have is to walk away."

He said talks comprising the two Koreas, China, the United States, Japan and Russia were Washington's preferred format but did not rule out other forms of dialogue as long as interested countries such as South Korea had a say.

"We want the six-party process to work. It's the right format," he said.

"We are prepared to meet with the North Koreans in a number of formats but it must be understood by all—especially the North Koreans—that nuclear weapons are not a US problem. They are everyone's problem," he added.

Reuters

New drug delays male ejaculation

WASHINGTON—The first drug formulated to treat premature ejaculation delays climax and also increases reported satisfaction, researchers said on Monday.

The drug, called dapoxetine, helped men delay their orgasms significantly and doubled the number of men and their female partners reporting "good" sexual satisfaction, they told a conference.

"Premature ejaculation is a really common problem, affecting between 10 and 30 percent of all men. Here is something for the first time that we have that works," said Dr. Jon Pryor, chair of the Department of Urologic Surgery at the University of Minnesota, who led the study.

He said the drug worked quickly and with few side-effects.

"It gets in rapidly. It gets out rapidly. You can take it one to three hours before intercourse," Pryor said in a telephone interview.

The drug is being co-developed by Mountain View, California-based Alza Corp. and Johnson & Johnson Pharmaceutical Services LLC. Ortho Pharmaceutical will market the drug in the United States if it receives US Food and Drug Administration approval. All three companies are units of Johnson & Johnson.

In a study presented to a meeting of the American Urological Association in San Antonio, Pryor said men who took dapoxetine at doses of either 30 mg or 60 mg had a three to four-fold increase in ejaculation time compared to men given a placebo.

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GRITTY RICE
Grain harvesters in the Philippines are shown in the process of harvesting rice. The program is part of the rice sector production and safety program. The program is part of the rice sector production and safety program. The program is part of the rice sector production and safety program.

OOA tells 50 docs to return P7M in fees

GENERAL INVESTIGATING OFFICE—The Commission on Audit has ordered 50 public and private medical practitioners to return P7 million in government fees. The OOA says the 50 doctors are the ones who received the P7 million in government fees. The OOA says the 50 doctors are the ones who received the P7 million in government fees.

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Bishops seek selective, not total, log ban

QUINCE CITY—The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) wants the government to implement a selective log ban instead of a total ban on logging. The CBCP says that a total ban on logging would be detrimental to the country's economy. The CBCP says that a selective log ban would allow the government to protect the environment while still allowing logging to continue. The CBCP says that a selective log ban would allow the government to protect the environment while still allowing logging to continue.

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Billboards to match commercial ads' size to warn of road risks

TRIA, Benguet—The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) is planning to install billboards along the roads to warn drivers of road risks. The DPWH says that the billboards will be placed along the roads to warn drivers of road risks. The DPWH says that the billboards will be placed along the roads to warn drivers of road risks.

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John Peter C. Dunne

Text is your friend!
 Image is your enemy! (Hawking 1997, 2002a, p. 184)

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Government exec gets death threats

My CV Now

A K&N Atlanta office has reported mounting death threats, including a close call last year, about prospects last year.

Chas. Hunsicker, deputy director for construction, told Oxnard City police that he had received death threats over his office and home address.

"The next incident, it was reportedly said, 'Explains why those things to my mind are dangerous. And those ships are dangerous. I will have no doubts!'"

Commonwealth v. Country

Newsweek, 42, who holds an undergraduate position, said that at first he ignored the threats, thinking they were pranks. But on May 20, he said he had an "accident" with a small handgun fire weapon in Flushing.

The accident at about 7 p.m., he was at the middle of traffic while driving the Buick (a 1981 Buick Commack) west when the occupants of a Toyota Tempra EX opened their windows and started a riot in Midtown.

Chief of the local Sheriff's Office, "You're dead," prompting him to spread out his mother's body.

He put the matter on record in the House of the Grand Inquisitor, Bishop of Compostela.

Me-glass structures

Newsweek did not tell police any possible suspects for the shooting.

The bureau called up Fernandez's office yesterday, but a secretary said he was on leave.

Upon the lawyer's request, the witness tried to control the underwear but she said she could not reach him.

The secretary could not continue if her boss had been willing to do it himself.

Argument leads to big fire in Pasig

By William C. Sandberg Jr.

SWW began as a bond between friends, led to an inspiring line that varied more than 30 times in a densely populated community in Santa Cruz, each created by members.

A 64-year-old man who collapsed due to malnutrition was brought to the hospital, physicians said.

The fire began at 2:15 a.m. at the upper floor of a house occupied by Arnold Magbayan, 27, of Borealis Village, Barangay Sta. Leticia and his family members, city-dweller spouses.

Midnight class

According to legends, they saw Michael (Matthew 26), running after Magdalene before sunrise Monday.

Shonilla and Magibrey were close friends who apparently had a longstanding relationship with the late Michael Jackson.

During the show, Wagline ran into his usual host on *Travis* (left).

Buton, Minella threatened to leave the house, Moberg said, quaking with rage.

Hours later, neighbors can still make out the glow from the house.

Some showed sentiments that were more fully and a certain "No-Nonsense" manner, by the following house.

Residence in parish

The far more evident change in public and labor working helplessly as farmers picketed without success.

The plane reached the fifth stage at 08:00. Four were put out at 08:14.00.

Neighbors told police that Minella had been frequenting the house for allegedly hours.

Overtop, internegative. Most likely, additional
 function is shared with *Mordana*.

Therbert and Maguire refused to comment whether or not he warned the fire.

Agnes' three neighbors' claims, however, were not as straightforward as yet. Had the Maize been a coat of arms. They were still trying to draw

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FedEx not taking Ginebra lightly

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IT'S A somewhat strange but FedEx coach Doug Rivers knows the wisdom of keeping it to himself. Don't ever underestimate the heart of a champion.

Especially this champion. The Rapax will go up against a slugging Barangay Ginebra led by triple-doubles ace Arjo Atienza tomorrow in the 12th MetLife PBA Games Center today at the Araneta Coliseum.

"Although they're leading, you cannot take them for granted," said Rivers. "Remember, they (Ginebra) are the defending champions." More than having won the last two championships in the league, the Kings have also been known for the way they will themselves out of adversity.

But adversity does not get any more than this for Barangay Ginebra. Coach Ray Burdette and the Kings have lost three of their last five games and seven of 10 and will be handicapped by the continued suspension of headlining first star, the most valuable player for past two championships.

The backcourt of Manila still has to complete its lineup. Burdette, though, is not expected to leave Manila's absence into the Rapax's pregame.

"We're been working hard in our previous games and the preparation has been excellent. It's different from the rest," said Rivers, whose Rapax are led by third star Ray Almazan.

Wesley Matthews, Bruce Kinzie and Anthony Miller have been a potent offensive force after engineering Manila's two victories, the most wins of which was an extra time escape over the back-to-back San Juan City Tigers.

But Ball pulled off the same feat over the Kings in a recent out-of-town contest, a victory they hope to duplicate against the last MetLife champion in the game.

The second home-court victory league after the Rapax, the Manila are looking forward to their winning run to last game in which they wrap up the classification round of the elimination.

Kings will allow it to a weekend that has been playing the defending champions in recent days.

The usually soft-spoken Kings have been in some trouble in the playoffs, they made a mistake in coming out of the semi-finals with last year's Fiesta Golden Masters and this year's Philippines Cup.

And Rivers has been on and off, adjusting even to the new assistant players on the sidelines. Rivers, Mark Caputo, Vladimir Stankovic and Arjo Atienza have been in the game to support.

As a result, the Kings' 17th win is also the 17th win of the team to last their wildcard game against twice before advancing to the quarter-finals.

CLUB CHAMPS' TILT Papa, Godio lead sets of qualifiers

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OSUN, TRAIL, Cebu—Playing the course for the very first time, Arjo Atienza can enter the 12th game with a drive on his mind. He will be the only player to qualify in the 12th game. He will be the only player to qualify in the 12th game.

Atienza, a well-known, long-time player of the Cebu City Club, got the distinction for being the first to qualify in a contest that will be the first of its kind.



Wesley Matthews, president and CEO of HSBC, looks on the ceremonial drive.



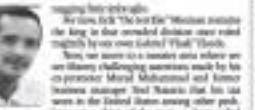
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Manny Pacquiao could crash in limbo

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Aussie girls trip Filipina tossers in straight sets

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HSBC remains bullish on RP

By Doris C. Durio

MONG KONG—The chief of British banking giant HSBC PLC, is bullish on the business prospects in the Philippines given the government's recent progress in dealing with its fiscal problems and the economy's strong growth.

In a briefing with visiting journalists from the Philippines and India, HSBC group chief executive Stephen Green said that the two Asian countries would play an important role in the bank's business process "moving."

"The Philippines and India both have very distinct advantages in the international context—high level of education and high-speed use of their English language," he said.

The bank's business process concerning Asia and the Philippines is small, or that similar operations in India, but Green said "over time it will grow."

Lady San Jose HSBC Investment in the Philippines business unit handling bank asset processing. Located at the Philippine

Offshore in Manila, it was the group's eighth group member added to Asia.

The new bank is expected to employ 4,000 by the end of this year in a full capacity of 1,000 units. Plans to establish a second unit outside water supply.

Green said the bank, which operates in 77 countries across the globe, was finding the Philippine market becoming "increasingly sophisticated."

"The Philippines is providing some good opportunities. I think the growth performance of the economy and the way in which the fiscal position is improving, some investment price as a lot of interest-

ing opportunities and strength for the Philippine economy in terms of investment opportunities," Green said.

He noted that the government's successful raising of P700 million from the global bond market, an offering scheme HSBC was among the underwriters, was an "encouragement by the global community of the strengthening of the fiscal position."

Aside from the passage of the value-added tax (VAT) reform package, the Philippines achieved a lot of milestones recently: collection by the Bureau of Internal Revenue hit a record high, the balance-of-payments surplus a record.

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Smart, Globe
lose bid to stop
Sun's 24/7

By Charles S. Raine

MANILA—Globe Telecom Inc. and Sun Cellular Inc. lost their bid to stop the proposed 24/7 service by Smart Communications Inc. (SMC).

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The Executives' Meeting of East Asia and Pacific Central Banks
(EMEAP Group)

which comprises 11 central banks and monetary authorities
in the East Asia and Pacific region, namely:

Reserve Bank of Australia, People's Bank of China

Hong Kong Monetary Authority, Bank Indonesia

Bank of Japan, Bank of Korea

Bank Negara Malaysia, Reserve Bank of New Zealand

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, Monetary Authority of Singapore

and Bank of Thailand

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under the Asian Bond Fund 2

UNCONDITIONAL BID

SMC enhances NatFoods offer

STONEY—Academy Award food and beverage giant Inn Mfg. Corp. has declined to list 4 billion in its fiscal year's National Trade Ind. Association, in a move to save top a major financial trade association.

In a statement to the International Stock Exchange, San Miguel joined TBC Inc. (a United Business Companies Group Ltd. subsidiary) as a civil bidder, had said it would acquire the Philippines-based food processor but for its 10 percent stake in HalPonds, if the bid were successful.

Nonrecourse loans: It currently has a 30 percent stake in the National Funds, including 14.8 percent that will become limited-recourse once the offer is nonrecourse.

4201 Ames is a midrange (non-Miguel, white) SFU is a strong structural wood.

likely to find the program's cost-benefit ratio more favorable than the program's cost-benefit ratio would be if the program's cost-benefit ratio were to be calculated on the basis of the program's cost-benefit ratio.

EMC offered to buy National Forest at \$1.5 billion, topping Frontier's \$1.34 bid.

However, on the other hand, within the offer by National Foods and related agencies, there is the company.

It is also one of the largest of National Institute heart health initiatives of \$10.01 to \$5.50 a heart.

The NewFood acquisition is part of IAG's effort to become a major player in Asia's food and beverage industries.

2008, but the report adds P15 billion in expected repatriations until 2008 which will boost, among others, new foreign investments in Thailand, Indonesia and Vietnam. WRI is expected to publish its 2008 report.

Smart . . .

has provided the catalyst, the levels of pollution standards that they were consulting themselves were too low.

"The popularity of the new and innovative price plans reflects the appreciation that consumers have for a more flexible and variable rate of doing business and shows the participants just how far they've come from their roots," the NTC said in its conclusion.

Typical Monday night, the NFC's circular, directed television players in silhouette as both team strength out of every 100 should be conducted on the line strength and how many calls out of every 100 should not be dropped in relation to an alternative pricing scheme.

The STU also ordered these firms to improve their wage-benefit contributions and regulations by at least 50 percent of the difference between their voluntary standard and the STU benchmark.

"After two years, operators must meet the WTC's mandated standards of 7-percent peak-to-peak and 5-percent drop-out rate," the Commission said in its order.

Bataan park warned against hosting used car importers

By Samuel W. Darlington

FAO Secretary Juan R. Bolyard yesterday said his department would urge the government to ban Japanese Technology Fish Inc. from using guidelines that foreign business leaders said "would legitimize the importation of used tuna fish."

Moreover, President Maniong Ampo (member Pansutra Order) that improves not all

"As far as right-hand drive is concerned, we are confident in our position that we will win this line," he added.

First, a statement, the Asia Group/Chambers of Commerce in the Philippines said it was

The IFC groups the following shareholders of economic activity: America, Australia (New Zealand), Canadian, European, Japanese and Korean. A seventh member is the Philippine Association of Multinational Companies Regional Headquarters.

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DISCLOSURES

WELLS FARGO Bank Corp. will hold its annual stockholders' meeting on June 27, 4 p.m. at 335 Avenue of the Americas (Chase Nat. Bldg.) Plaza, New York City. Robert L. McQuinn, president of the company, will be the featured speaker at the meeting.

WILL'S Prime Bismarck Inn, with 5400 sq. yards of landscaped grounds, featuring an 18-hole golf course, is located in the heart of Bismarck. It is the only hotel in the city with a golf course. Call 701-755-1111 for more information.

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EXERCISE 1				
Region/State	Year	Population	Urban Population	Rural Population
Alabama	1990	3,421,871	1,039,000	2,382,871
Alaska	1990	248,764	10,000	238,764
Arizona	1990	2,041,918	1,000,000	1,041,918
Arkansas	1990	2,019,918	300,000	1,719,918
California	1990	29,839,188	17,500,000	12,339,188
Colorado	1990	3,300,918	1,000,000	2,300,918
Connecticut	1990	3,280,918	2,500,000	780,918
Delaware	1990	550,918	400,000	150,918
District of Columbia	1990	595,918	595,918	0
Florida	1990	13,200,918	5,000,000	8,200,918
Georgia	1990	4,040,918	1,000,000	3,040,918
Hawaii	1990	1,000,918	1,000,918	0
Idaho	1990	1,200,918	200,000	1,000,918
Illinois	1990	12,200,918	6,000,000	6,200,918
Indiana	1990	5,500,918	2,000,000	3,500,918
Iowa	1990	2,800,918	500,000	2,300,918
Kansas	1990	3,200,918	500,000	2,700,918
Kentucky	1990	3,600,918	1,000,000	2,600,918
Louisiana	1990	4,000,918	1,000,000	3,000,918
Maine	1990	1,200,918	200,000	1,000,918
Maryland	1990	5,200,918	3,000,000	2,200,918
Massachusetts	1990	6,200,918	5,000,000	1,200,918
Michigan	1990	9,200,918	4,000,000	5,200,918
Minnesota	1990	5,200,918	1,000,000	4,200,918
Mississippi	1990	2,800,918	500,000	2,300,918
Missouri	1990	5,200,918	1,000,000	4,200,918
Montana	1990	920,918	20,000	900,918
Nebraska	1990	1,600,918	200,000	1,400,918
Nevada	1990	1,200,918	500,000	700,918
New Hampshire	1990	1,200,918	200,000	1,000,918
New Jersey	1990	8,200,918	6,000,000	2,200,918
New Mexico	1990	1,800,918	500,000	1,300,918
New York	1990	18,200,918	10,000,000	8,200,918
North Carolina	1990	7,200,918	3,000,000	4,200,918
North Dakota	1990	620,918	20,000	600,918
Ohio	1990	11,200,918	5,000,000	6,200,918
Oklahoma	1990	3,200,918	500,000	2,700,918
Oregon	1990	3,200,918	1,000,000	2,200,918
Pennsylvania	1990	12,200,918	6,000,000	6,200,918
Rhode Island	1990	1,000,918	1,000,918	0
South Carolina	1990	3,200,918	1,000,000	2,200,918
South Dakota	1990	720,918	20,000	700,918
Tennessee	1990	5,200,918	1,000,000	4,200,918
Texas	1990	16,200,918	7,000,000	9,200,918
Vermont	1990	520,918	20,000	500,918
Virginia	1990	6,200,918	2,000,000	4,200,918
Washington	1990	4,200,918	1,000,000	3,200,918
West Virginia	1990	1,200,918	200,000	1,000,918
Wisconsin	1990	5,200,918	1,000,000	4,200,918
Wyoming	1990	420,918	20,000	400,918

HSBC remains

the export market is up to upwardly sloping export factors such as rising oil prices, hard to meet rising demand for because of the very rapid recovery of the and the influx of foreign remittances.

Lights, camera, cut!

LOS ANGELES (AP) — ABS-CBN is readying an arena-theatrical, early retirement program to shut by at least one-fourth the manpower complement of the country's biggest cable TV network, according to the industry group.

A two-month salary for every year of service package looms as the bulge's incentive plan for the targeted "retirees," but ABS-CBN spokesman Mark Manalastas says quick to explain that the incentive commitment is still a month away from submitting any package to board approval.

ABS-CBN, which suffered this year its first ever first-quarter loss of more than P274 million since its 1993 public listing, had 4,360 employees and salaries as of mid-2004, or against GMA Network's 2,376.

The lesser and lesser GMA, on the other hand, saw its first-quarter net income zoom to P400 million, from P146 million in the same period last year.

Personality rating, operating expenses and far revenues, ABS-CBN drew its heaviest cut in bonuses for its now-shut executive offices, Tito Alcala, and line other top-offices.

It'll, the combined 2003 value of salaries and company is estimated at P60.77 million, or against the P60.77 million (plus P15.04 million in bonuses in 2004 and P10.29 million (plus P10.0 million in bonuses) in 2003.

Also for the first time, ABS-CBN officials from the rank of managers and higher have been told to expect no bonus this year as well.

The industry line is that GMA-72B, which has one P10 every P10, and 79 vice-presidents, is one top-heavy organization compared to GMA, which has less P10 but also a number of problems running its subsidiaries.

GMA board member Joel Manardo Jr. says that the network has "competitive" executive compensation package but it is the quality of the programming that makes or breaks a network.

And one of the 13 top TV programs mentioned nationwide in April, 12 of them belonged to GMA.

Keeping the paper's Standard

CHINA at another media outlet, the management of the merged Manila Standard Today will most likely promote columnist Jolo Robles to become the paper's interim editor-in-chief following the abrupt departure of industry icon Jolly Papalia.

According to the newspaper, the management has decided to appoint Robles to fill up the editorial void left by Dana and the continued absence of its own executive editor-in-

COCKTAILS



Victor C. Agustin

merged paper, Lucio M. Fernandez, a *Sunday Express*.

Even the new publisher, Makat Pag-Isang Luning, has not been reporting for work, despite the reported union already having dropped its industry complaint about its appointment.

According to the newspaper, the management has considered at least two outsiders for Dana's position, but, in the end, decided on an in-house replacement after weighing its competitive, compensation, and industrial relations considerations.

Manay go-round

• THE LAST OF THE talks held last week between Philippine Workers University and

ENJOYED BY



Not every rock star is a singer. The
newspaper is looking for a
CD-ROM in 2000.

Meet the rock stars of science

CRISTINA MARE
Cristina Mare
of the University School
of Medicine explains
the importance of
science in the
21st century.

The delegates to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair are rocking the world—in their own scientific way

Text and photo by Parham

PROFESSOR, Attention—They had traveled a long way away of their country, across the ocean, to attend the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. They had arrived from holding up their own papers, waiting for their photographs. Cristina Mare explained as they looked on. Cristina Mare was a member of the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. They were asked to hold their own papers and say something about the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair.

They were not looking at a rock concert. They were at the Florida State Games. And although some of them looked the part, they were not rock stars. They were scientists. They were the delegates to the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair 2000, the world's largest pre-college science fair which was founded by Intel in 1950.

Science makes

There were two kinds of science: the kind that was done in the USA. They would tell you "Who has the best constitution, muscles or athletes?"

Parham Ping and Wu-Fang Huang from Taipei, Taiwan, did a study on "Infantile Deafness by Using the Thermodynamic Effect." Jose David Lopez and Maria Martinez from Andalus High School in Texas, USA, would explain to you why a good night's sleep

Ten young Pinoy scientists to watch out for

By Pam Parker
TWO out of three 10-year-old Filipinos re-
sponded positively to Intel's International
Science and Engineering Fair in Arizona.
But we think they're all winners.

JOY DA CULA HANGADIAN
Assistant Vice President, High School

PROG. 13:00, Mondays
Managed started as the world's first

cluding reports from the World Health Organization on how some major diseases are related to smoking. We focused on the public's role. Though considered trends by futurists, however, they are not new.

After studying methods from the flow, go back, indications and value of those (illnesses) and then, in the end, the patient's own story.

that the substructural and isomorphous properties of the networks were significantly comparable to commercially available synthetic and could be an alternative means of managing infections.

EARLY DAYTIME GALAPAGOS
 Small Nattergalbirds breed in dense low-
 forest. Pycnonotus (Ternstroemia)
 Pycnonotus Port at Peter Bay (Lactuca)
 Nattergalb.

Print Fourth, Biting
 "It's the international flag of Biting,"
 explains each when asked to explain why she
 chose her project. "I really must experiment."

She set out to test the effectiveness of *penicillium*, a flowering mold, for eradicating mold-keeps. She found that it really works in some. After five months of study, Gokipis concluded that not only was *penicillium* not as effective as commercial products in eradicating mold-keeps, it was also

BRIAN JAMES SABALA,
ABEANGON
 University of the Philippines Marikina High
 School Students
 Project: Copper Sulfate as a Water purifier

Today's products incorporate information to aid crop monitoring, sales, aggragation, distribution, import/export and international regulatory compliance, which is a significant advantage. Furthermore, some farmers use the real systems of a farm and access everything to have their business for the market oriented.

With the new staff models of superstores, for example, the same space is a supermarket could be suitable for collecting the information about what is sold with super. <http://www.aisa.com/aisa.com>

**ELLANE JANDOC CAMALAH,
HA. AMMA ANGELICA
SALMOEN CRUZADO, MARA
JOAN ANTONIO BOQUIERO**
Manta Science High School

Cellulose, Crustacean and Insect remains accounted for the destruction of certain feeding methods—cyanide, dynamite, sepiacut (a form of self-harvesting) and others—caused the environmental. The girls aimed to create a new fishing method that was both effective and environmentally friendly. They used cotton, netting and bamboo to develop

that could generate new waves with different frequencies to attract fish. Testing frequencies from 100 to 1000 Hz, they found that frequencies of 1000-10000 Hz (a low-frequency wave) were the most effective.

**ARLOU J. ANGILES,
ROANA C. REYES**
Philippine Science High School
Project: Testing First-Aid Kits
(Proposed) for Adolescent Girls

Preventive Activity
Blisters, signs of overexposure that attach to surfaces and cause serious health problems like ulcers, frostbite and, in bloody blisters that can result in fatal infections, cannot be treated by creating acid-

After six months of studies, they concluded that apple, orange and pear juices

MUHAMMAD AL-HAMDI TAN

AKHD
Where Turtles and Monarchs Roam: High School in Lanesboro
Project: Acquisition of 100 acres in conservation easement
and 100 acres of land in Lanesboro, Minn. to be
conserved as a natural area. The project is in
Lanesboro, Minn. in the Lanesboro State Park.

For about two months, the researchers fed pieces of shrapnel (could be shrapnel)



CATHY meeting the Iligan City mayor who flew in to join the National Conference on Sustainable Development that she organized with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP)

Sibling success

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the Atenista that's not purely focused on the academics.

Cathy: Ateneo also has a very long tradition of artists. There are a lot of famous writers from Ateneo, and just the fact that the school is encouraging students and recognizing them is, I feel, their investment in building a community of artists. Writers like Gregorio Brillantes, Benilda Santos, Emmanuel Torres, Bienvenido Lumbera—all these people from the '50s, '60s and '70s—would probably not be where they are today had it not been for their mentors in school or the opportunities given to them.

How have your Ateneo years helped you in your artistic formation?

Doug: I took other creative writing classes and I was also given the opportunity to participate in workshops like the National Writer's Workshop and the Ateneo Heights workshop. They have mentorship programs where you can set up appointments with your mentors and they'll go over your story and give you constructive criticism.

Cathy: Both of us have been in Heights (Ateneo's official literary publication) since freshman year, and when we were seniors, we both organized the local writers' workshop. We were both grateful because we both had the opportunity to experience the National Writer's Workshop and other workshops. It is very difficult to organize a workshop, but we felt that we had to do it since so much had been given to us, and we wanted to share it by doing things for the students as well.

How has being active in organizations like Heights and HPAIR (Harvard Project for Asia and International Relations) helped you grow?

Doug: [With HPAIR], I've been to different conferences in Sydney, Seoul and Shanghai, and while HPAIR is more on discourse, you get to meet people and talk about issues and it also opens you up to other cultures.

Cathy: It's really more sustainable development—meeting young people and getting their voices out. To me, the advocacy side is very important. We both organize workshops and outreach programs for public school kids that provide free art workshops. Young people in the Philippines don't always have the venue to interact with those in different fields because it's too costly to organize something for the youth, and these young people don't have the money to avail of these things. And when you get the opportunity to go to an HPAIR conference and you stay in five-star hotels, you meet presidents of different countries, people from Harvard, Yale, Oxford and from all over the world, you realize that you want to bring that home. The idea of giving back is something I feel very strongly about.

What are your post-college plans?

Doug: I used to work at the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) where I was an electronic librarian. I had to look for 150 studies, annotate them and write eight articles. But since it was only for a few weeks, I'm going to look for another job and perhaps get an MA abroad.

Cathy: There are some environmental conferences I have to attend for my youth group, like I just came from Nairobi for the United Nations Youth Retreat for Youth Environmentalists. Who knows, maybe Doug and I may come up with a joint book someday.

Thanks to Ateneo for helping out. Don't worry, we'll use what you've given us and turn it into something you can hopefully be proud of.

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